Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not generally.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I think it is improper to allow the use of the Legislative Council Hall for purposes other than for holding Legislative Council Meetings. I would like to know whether the Government can find its way to pass an order that no meeting can be held other than for the use of the legislature.

Mr. President: No answers are forthcoming.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know when exactly the other meetings were held? And what were the meetings for?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Panchayat Conference was held here. Agricultural Conference also was held here.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Did not these form part of one long proceedings?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* They were held on two days.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what exactly was the purpose of the meeting held on the 3rd of Medam 1114?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The Deputy President of this Council, Mr. Poulose, as the Convenor of a public meeting to concert measures with a reference to the perpetuation of a memorial or some such thing in honour of the present Diwan, wanted permission to have a meeting held here and permission was granted.

PALIAM ESTATE—QUESTIONS REGARDING.

31. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether questions relating to the Paliam Estate are removed from the consideration of the Council?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know under what provisions of the Act such questions are disallowed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I do not know whether the member is competent to question the ruling of the President. It was disallowed by the President as coming outside the purview of the Council.

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Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I want to know whether there is any specific provision of law under which this is tabooed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Which is the rule under which this question will come? Will the hon'ble member enlighten me on that?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* If it is not admissible it is for the Government to say the rule.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* The Government is only managing a private estate. We are only the managing agents.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is not the Legislative Council a part of the Government?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* You must refer to the Constitution Act for that. The answer is supplied there. How does it arise here so far as this question is concerned?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is not the Paliam Estate under the management of the Government?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Government have assumed management at their request.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* If the management is taken up by the Government am I to understand that no questions relating to the management are to be put?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Under section 24 of the Government of Cochin Act this can be discussed. Paliam Estate is not removed from the purview of the Council.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Am I to understand Sir, that if the management of an estate is taken by Government no question relating to that estate can be put?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* That is another matter. This is a private estate taken by the Government at its request.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* My point is, certain activities of the Government are removed from the consideration of the Council. This does not come under this category. That is why I want to know the provision under which they are not allowed to be discussed.

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Mr. President : According to rule 8 'subject to the conditions and restrictions in the rules any member may ask any question on matters of public concern.' The management of the Paliam Estate is not a matter of public concern. It is only in a contractual capacity that the Government have taken up the management of a private Estate with which the general public of the State has nothing to do. It is only those activities of the Government which affect the citizens of the State as such that really come under the purview of this Legislative Council.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* It affects the public.

Mr. President : It will not.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : കോവിലകം കുടിയാന്മാർ എന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു അതിൽ പങ്കുള്ള കുടിയാന്മാരെ പാലിയം എസ്റ്റേറ്റിലുള്ളു.

Mr. President : That is a different matter. This is a private estate. A private estate may affect a large portion of the population, but the management of a private estate is not a matter of public concern in the sense in which the word 'public' is used.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* If the Government mismanages the estate will it not be a matter of public concern?

Mr. President : That may be. But here it is based upon a contract. It is not by an Act of the State that the Government have assumed management of the estate. If, for example, the Paliam Estate had been assumed by a Proclamation or by a Legislative Council enactment then it will come within the purview of the Council.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* This was assumed by a Proclamation.

Mr. President : But the Proclamation is only to give effect to a contract. The relation between the Government and the Paliam Estate is governed by an agreement which all the members of the Paliam Estate have executed in favour of the Government and if there is any breach of these conditions and if the Government mismanages it will be for the members of the Paliam family under the terms and conditions of the contract to seek the remedy. So from that point of view the management of the Paliam Estate is not a matter of public concern.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. പി. കുഞ്ഞപിള്ള : ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ മിസ്മാനേജുമെണ്ടു കൊണ്ടു പാലിയം ആശ്രമപ്പെട്ടാൽ അതിനു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ഉത്തരവാദിയായിത്തീരുകയില്ലേ?

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. കണ്ണൻനായർ: അതിനു മുമ്പ് പ്രസിഡണ്ടിന് അതിനുള്ള അധികാരമുണ്ട്.

Mr. President: Order, order. The hon'ble member wanted the authority for the President to disallow the question. I have given the authority. Having shown the authority it is for the President to decide whether he has exercised it properly and that cannot be questioned in this House.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* We do not question the ruling.

Mr. President: I have said it is under that power that I have disallowed that question. There can be no more discussion on that question. I have held that matters relating to Paliam are not matters of public concern under that rule. There cannot be any more discussion on that point.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* In that case I would like the Government to understand what exactly will be the implication if the Government mismanages. The Government will kindly consider that aspect of the question also.

Mr. President: You may take the Government to task for that. That is a different matter.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Suppose the Government mismanages and damages have to be given to the Paliam. The Government will have to spend money from the Treasury. Then the people also will be affected. That aspect of the question may kindly engage the attention of the Government.

Mr. President: That is a hypothetical question.

GOVERNMENT PRESS—REVISION OF HOURS OF WORK.

32. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the office staff of the Government Press have revised hours of work from Thulam, 1114, and (*b*) if so whether they have been compensated for the extra work by increase in pay?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Were not most of the persons working there entertained before the hours were revised?

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